

Season Reported Lengthy Fire

General rains of the past week have brought to a close in the Pacific Northwest one of the longest fall forest fire seasons on record. Kermít W. Lindstedt, forest service regional fire chief, stated today that the 1952 season compares closely in length with that of 1936 when the town of Bandon burned with the loss of 11 lives.

Despite the severity of the 1952 season, losses were relatively low on lands protected by the forest service in Oregon and Washington; 13,508 acres were burned

in 1,582 fires. Last year, 62,756 acres went up in smoke as the result of only 814 fires.

Highlight of the season, according to Lindstedt, was the splendid public response in assisting with control of fires. This included loggers, the Red Cross, local civil defense units, stockmen, hunters, radio and the press and other cooperators. Deer hunters of both Oregon and Washington responded in good fashion to fire prevention appeals. A very low number of fires resulted from the use of the forests by a large number of deer hunters under exceptionally dry conditions.

A minority of elk hunters, however, failed to live up to the trust placed in them, Lindstedt said. Of the 197 hunter-caused fires, nearly three-fourths occurred during the relatively short elk season in November. Most of these fires resulted from warning fires carelessly abandoned by hunters whose vigilance, it is believed, was lulled by a few light showers and cold November nights.

Although similar in many respects, the 1952 season differed widely from the 1936 season in

Farmers Approve Conservation Dist.

Special to The Pilot

Approval of the proposed Soil Conservation district for Curry county was given by farmers attending the hearing last week.

They asked the state soil conservation committee to hold a referendum, for the proposed district and nominated the following farmers for supervisors: Clarence Brooks and Francis Brown from Langlois; Warren Miller and Ollie Ferguson from Gold Beach; Cecil Watt, Archie McVay and Roger Oliver from Harbor.

These names will appear on the ballot and farmers voting for the district will vote for three of these men to serve as supervisors if the measure passes. The three receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected as supervisors.

losses. In 1936, a total of 1,290 fires burned 26,853 acres of national forest protected lands. In 1952, less than one-half that acreage was lost in a greater number of fires.

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